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NPIC/PEG (11/83)Copy 29**NEW SHIP REPAIR FACILITY**
MERS EL KEBIR NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD, ALGERIA

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** A NEW SHIP REPAIR FACILITY WHICH WILL SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE ALGERIA'S SHIP REPAIR CAPABILITIES IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** THE NEW FACILITY WILL CONSIST OF A TRANSVERSER-RAIL SYSTEM (IN A 70 BY 50-METER AREA), OPEN REPAIR WAYS (IN A 100 BY 52-METER AREA), AND A SYNCHROLIFT SYSTEM (SERVING AN 84 BY 12-METER AREA). WHEN THE SYNCHROLIFT PLATFORM HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED, THE SYSTEM WILL BE ABLE TO LIFT SHIPS FROM THE WATER AND TRANSFER THEM ONTO THE TRANSVERSER FROM WHICH THEY CAN BE PLACED ON ANY OF AT LEAST FOUR OPEN REPAIR WAYS. THE FOUNDATION FOR A POSSIBLE SHIP REPAIR SHED (APPROXIMATELY 100 BY 36 METERS) IS NEXT TO, AND MAY ALSO BE SERVICED BY, THE TRANSVERSER SYSTEM. INITIAL GROUND SCRAPINGS FOR THIS NEW FACILITY WERE OBSERVED IN AUGUST 1983. (SWN)

THE NEW SHIP REPAIR FACILITY WILL PROBABLY BE CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING UNITS UP TO THE SIZE OF LARGE PATROL CRAFT. THE SYNCHROLIFT SYSTEM IS USED IN SEVERAL MIDDLE EAST FACILITIES. (SWN)

3. COORDINATES 35-43-49N 000-42-17W

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